



THE BUGLE CALL



Devoted to the Interests of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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136TH National Convention



Held in Gettysburg, PA, the 136th National Convention was hosted by the Margaret M. Orr Circle #105 under National from Ohio. These members worked hard to fundraise to be able to dedicate a bench with the L.G.A.R. name on it placed in front of the Historical Pres-



byterian Church located at 208 Baltimore St. Convention kicked off with the unveiling of this bench. Following the dedication, guests were invited to a reception at the G.A.R. Hall

on Middle St. This historic building was originally built in 1822 as a Methodist Church. During the Battle of Gettysburg, the church was converted into a hospital for the troops. Business Meetings were conducted in the Heritage Center Museum, operated by a wonderful nonprofit dedicated to teaching the military as well as civilian aspects of the Gettysburg battle. Highlights of meeting time

this year included the initiation of new members and installation of the new Isaac Rice Circle in Bedford, PA in the Pennsylvania Department. Friday night included a Night at the Museum cocktail party, where living historians came to life to tell their story of Gettysburg in first person. This evening served as a fundraiser for the Circle which raised \$350 to go towards Veteran Suicide Prevention. The last historic activity was a beautiful Memorial Service held near Sach's Bridge out on the battlefield. All officers participated, and then strewed flowers over the bridge into the water.



Save the Date for Next Year's National Convention!

August 10-12, 2023

To be held in the Joliet/Aurora, IL area

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Deadlines for Bugle Call Submissions:

January 15, 2023

April 15, 2023

September 15, 2023

Bloom Where You are Planted



Our National LGAR President has asked that this year we concentrate on helping in our own communities. Here is an example of an LGAR sister who did something in her community. In 2021, Carol Ann Smith, Lookout Circle #24, was at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Lakewood has an entire section dedicated to Civil War veterans. In addition to a tall GAR statue, there is a large LGAR urn. This urn was placed there in 1965 for the 100th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Sister Carol Ann noticed that the urn was in disrepair. It actually looked like it could break where the bowl connected to the stem. Carol Ann contacted the cemetery to determine who owned the urn; LGAR or the cemetery. She was told the Department of Minnesota LGAR was the owner. After consulting the department officers, Sister Carol Ann spoke with the director of buildings and grounds and asked if the cemetery had any recommendations on how the LGAR could get it repaired. The director said he would replace it at no cost to the LGAR. This spring, a new urn was erected on the original base that was placed by the LGAR in 1965 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Our National President Beth Null along with Sister Cleo Bonham visited Minneapolis over the Labor Day weekend holiday. She stopped at the newly refurbished memorial urn at Lakewood Cemetery. Sister Beth placed a flag at the urn in remembrance. Carol Ann Smith was instrumental in getting this project done. There is a GAR memorial in section eight as well and many civil war soldiers' graves. This is a reminder that one individual can make a difference.

**ORDER ALL SUPPLIES FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER
PAYABLE TO "LGAR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION"**

Want to be featured in the Bugle Call? We would love to hear from you!

Please submit an article on any patriotic or historic events, ceremonies, service projects, and fundraising events! We would love to learn about what our Sisters are up to. Send in any written pieces and photographs to National Editor, Autumn Marthey.



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Dear Sisters,

I am honored to be elected as your National President

General Orders No. 1, 2022-2023

1. I hereby dedicate my year of service to the memory of my mother PNP Opal Nelson. Let us keep all departed PNPs in our hearts as well as we form a chain from 1881 to today. The service LGAR has provided for 141 years cannot be quantified. Let us continue the good work of our order as we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before.
2. This year's President's Project is to Bloom Where You Are Planted. There will be five grants of \$100 each to go to support projects in your own locations. LGAR members live in 47 states as well as Australia. We have an amazing reach available to us. If you have an idea to support veterans or teach patriotism, but just don't have the funds to complete your idea, there will be a form to submit your idea to the President's Project committee which will make the selections. Those that are matching grants are more likely to be selected. Members at Large May apply for this as well as circles. I know you have ideas, but might not be able to carry your idea out as a single person. National is behind you in your endeavors. Stay tuned for more details. The form to submit will be available from the new website when established or directly from the National Secretary. Date Available will be October 1, 2022.
3. Pets for Vets will continue as a National Project. Details on Pets for Vets can be found on the website and elsewhere in the Bugle Call.
4. I am asking each sister to send in photos of events and work you are doing to the Social Media Manager for our Facebook page. As you know social media

devours information and we need to demonstrate the breadth of our membership by continually having new and meaningful postings. The Bugle Call is for our members, but Facebook is for the wider world. Please help spread the word of the good work you are doing.

5. Cleo Bonham is appointed Veterans Liaison. She is compiling a list of LGAR members who served in the US Armed Forces. She can be reached at cleobonham@gmail.com or call her at 651-208-3744. We want to recognize our members for their service.
6. Veterans Day is November 11th. Start now to make your plans to watch a parade, lay a wreath, or simply thank a veteran.
7. Please make plans now for how you will observe Remembrance Day (Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address). November 19.
8. Any Department or Circle under National wishing me to visit should send me an email with your dates so I can make my schedule for the year. I hope to see as many of you as possible. Email is bethnull@mindspring.com. Email reminder: No one from LGAR will ever email you asking you to send a gift card or wire them money. Please delete suspicious email.
9. Please be kind in word and deed. There have been hurts and snubs over the years because we are human, but we have sworn to be sisters. If you ever feel slighted, please let me know and it will be addressed. Please do not let hurts fester. Treat others as you wish to be treated and know that the intent to hurt was probably not there. We need each other!
10. Have you asked a family member to join? Let's start close to home and ask our nieces, cousins, daughters, and granddaughters to join. We are relevant and they may be thrilled to share with you. You don't get to call your aunt "sister" very often!
11. Congratulations to all the newly elected heads of the Allied Orders. I look forward to meeting you and working together over the next 12 months. We are stronger together.
12. I would like you to join me for a meet and greet opportunity. I will be holding an Open House via Zoom for you to hear about me and my plans for this coming year. I would like to hear from you also. There may be a few other officers who will drop in. It will be come and go on Zoom on October 16 at 8:00 Eastern, 7:00 Central, 6:00 Mountain, and 5:00 Pacific. Let's get to know each other. Go to Zoom and join Meeting ID: 836 6142 8428. Passcode: 893435



MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT

National President Beth Null joined the organization in 1973. She is a member of Look-out Circle #24, Department of Minnesota. Her mother Opal Nelson served as president in

2000-2001 and again in 2005-2006. Beth is dedicating her year of service to her mother's memory. Beth's grandmother Flora Ransom, sisters, Cleo Bonham and Camille Wallace, and nieces Julie Bonham and Erica Allen are all part of the great history of this circle. Beth gains her membership in LGAR through her great great grandfather Vanois Robinette, who along with his older brother Joseph, enlisted in the Minnesota Mounted Cavalry 1st Regiment. He enlisted on November 6, 1862 and was mustered out December 4, 1865. Beth is also the great great granddaughter of Martin Ransom. He joined the Fourth Minnesota Regiment, Company I along with his brother-in-law John Teats. John was killed in the Battle of Allatoona on October 5, 1864. He is buried in Marietta, Georgia National Cemetery, Section C, grave marker 1783.

Sister Beth has a degree in microbiology from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from Baylor University. She is currently working for Syneoshealth. She has won numerous sales awards over a thirty year career in pharmaceuticals. Beth is married to Mike Null and has a son Michael. She is an avid handbell ringer and has directed many bell choirs, with a highlight of playing at Carnegie Hall in November, 2021. Her father was a WWII veteran and her sister Cleo is USAFR (ret) and recently retired from a VA Hospital nursing career. Beth loves working for veter-

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National President Beth Null placed a flag in remembrance on PNP (past national president) Opal Nelson's grave at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Opal is Beth's mother and Beth is dedicating her year of service as national president to her. It seems fitting that this was her first visit to kick off the year.

Can't teach an old dog new tricks?

Pets for Vets matches shelter dogs with veterans, teaching the dogs to be companions to suit their veteran's needs. This nonprofit finds homes for shelter dogs as well as provides veterans with K9 love and support. These veterans report reduced anxiety and loneliness and raised confidence, self esteem, and overall mental wellbeing.

Join us in supporting Pets for Vets as our National Project.



LGAR Poetry Books back IN STOCK!

These historic verses have now been gathered into a commemorative book in their honor for \$10 plus \$2 shipping

Please contact Historian Lynne Bury to order your copy today. The sale of these books helps assist our publishing of the history of our Organization. 10095 Wadsworth Rd. Marshallville, OH 44645 330-855-4251 Pmt is to be made payable to "LGAR Historian's Fund"

NEW PUBLISHED HISTORY OF THE LADIES OF THE G.A.R. COMING SOON!

**Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall
Frank Daggett Post 35 Litchfield Minnesota**

The Memorial Hall was dedicated in 1885 to “forever” be a memorial to the “Boys in Blue”. It was designed by a War of the Rebellion (Civil War) veteran, built of brick made by a veteran and built by veterans as a post home. They knew they would not live forever and wanted it to remain “forever” as a Memorial Hall designed to perpetuate the memory of the three hundred thousand loyal soldiers who fell in defense of the Union of the States, during the late War of the Rebellion, from A.D. 1861 to 1865. As soon as the building was completed on November 21, 1885 it was deeded to the Village (City) of Litchfield Minnesota. It contained 5 “Forever” clauses and three “Never” clauses.

1. It shall be forever preserved and maintained as such Memorial Hall
2. It shall forever be maintained and kept in repair, according to the intention and design of the builders
3. The Village of Litchfield shall forever carefully collect and scrupulously preserve in the meeting room all the war relics, flags, guns, chairs, pictures, and all other personal property and belongings of said Frank Daggett Post, and arrange the same so that said room may retain the appearance of still being occupied and used by Frank Daggett Post;
4. It shall be preserved and maintained forever so as to perpetuate the original design, appearance and arrangement as nearly as may be practicable to perpetuate the memory of their deceased comrades, and that the said Memorial Hall shall be to the present and future generations a continual reminder of loyalty to country and an incentive to patriotism.
5. The conditions and requirements are enjoined upon the Village of Litchfield that the children and descendants of the members of said Frank Daggett Post, as well as all others, may have the privilege and pleasure of entering and looking upon and contemplating the place and surroundings where the members of said Frank Daggett Post met and deliberated during their lifetime; hoping that they may be imbued with the same spirit of loyalty and devotion to their country that animated the members of said Frank Daggett Post and their deceased comrades.



1. The Village of Litchfield shall never permit the same to be used for, or diverted to any other purpose whatever.
2. The room shall never be occupied nor used for any other purpose whatever, save and except as the depository of said mentioned articles of property.
3. Village of Litchfield shall never use nor occupy the present room in said Memorial Hall, designated as a library room, for any other purpose save and except as a public library and reading room
In 1933 there were but few living veterans and the post had ceased operating. The last survivors were asked their intentions for the building. They signed a document on October 30, 1933 stating they wished that the 1885 agreement be honored and that other specified groups may use the premises. These groups consisted of Sons of Veterans, Woman’s Relief Corp, Daughters of the American Revolution and all other veteran organizations and respective auxiliaries for patriotic purposes so long as it was kept in an orderly and reverent manner preserving it as a shrine and memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

On July 5, 1957 the City of Litchfield and the Meeker County Historical Society entered into a 99 year lease to allow them to build an attached new museum. They agreed to keep the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in accordance with the 1885 and 1933 documents.

On August 6, 2021 the L.G.A.R. held a convention at the Frank Daggett Post 35 Memorial Hall. Upon inspection it was found that the deed was being violated and a resolution was written to the City of Litchfield to correct the violations which partly consisted of a gift shop selling modern items, many odd tables with some of modern design scattered about, a wooden painted book case installed in the anti-room, a 1950s glass case in the Memorial Hall main room etc. Over the years much was forgotten and as new generations stepped in the intent was also forgotten. The Frank Daggett Circle 105 is the last of the organizations to meet there regularly and as such must be the keepers of the memory.

A committee was formed consisting of members of the Meeker County Historical Society, the City of Litchfield and Frank Daggett Circle 105, Department of Minnesota and National representatives of the L.G.A.R. After a year of research and finding original documents and legal opinions a new guide was produced outlining the responsibility to the Memorial Hall. This guide will be used by the society and city to inform new members and employees of the contractual duties. The hall is being returned to original purpose and appearance and is eligible for National Landmark status that is being pursued by the Litchfield Heritage Preservation Commission. A great thank you and much appreciation is extended to the L.G. A. R. and committee members for helping make this possible.

OLDEST LGAR MEMBER HAS PASSED AWAY

Sister Esther E. Hegg was a member, supporter, and past President of the Frank Daggett Circle #105 until her death. Sister Esther was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was truly a Grand Lady. She will be missed.



February 12, 1918—July 27, 2022

The James Tharp Circle #2 of Georgia has been busy!



Left to right: Debbie Johnson, Becky Rostron, Linda Hartung

Debbie Johnson of the LGAR James Tharp Circle #2 of Georgia along with Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Rebecca "Becky" Rostron, DUVCW National Chaplain and Linda Hartung, DUVCW National Secretary, were guests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the Fourth of July parade in Marietta, Georgia. The sons marched and shot off volleys every few blocks and were accompanied by a fifer and drummer. The ladies comfortably rode in the trailer thanks to the generosity of the SUVCW brothers.

3rd Annual President's Day Online Trivia Party February 19th 7 pm EST/4 pm PST Sponsored by Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

To participate:

- Register on Eventbrite at LGARTriviaParty.Eventbrite.com
- Suggested donation of \$10 per person
- Designate team name to play with a team of 3-5 or let us place you on a team
- A Zoom link to join will be emailed to you



Trivia Questions range from many assorted topics from books, music, movies, actors and from history. Trivia Party proceeds go the LGAR Veterans projects including Pets for Vets, Inc. The mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is to teach patriotism and preserve the history of our ancestry.



The James Tharp Circle #2 of Georgia has been collecting canceled stamps for the Wounded Warrior Program. This project began in 2016 after the initiation of the James Tharp Circle. In July of this year, Treasurer Margaret Fancher mailed 4020 stamps to the veterans program which helps wounded veterans.

Attention: Are you a veteran?

We are trying to get a list of LGAR members who have served in the US Armed Forces. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran in your circle, please contact Cleo Bonham who is the new veterans liaison for National LGAR. She can be reached at cleobonham@gmail.com or call her at 651-208-3744. We want to recognize you for your service. Thank you.

MOTIONS PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- A Code of Ethics Policy for Members and Officers as well as a Conflict of Interest Policy were approved and will be added to the Bylaws after the Table of Contents.
- All registered members for National Conventions will receive the yearly Proceedings via email in pdf format. A printed copy will now require an additional \$15 fee to be ordered thru the National Secretary.
- Our web hosting will now move to GoDaddy.com.
- National Bylaws will now be placed back on the website and printed versions can be purchased for \$15, online version \$5, printed changes \$1. Online version will be available for download but will not be printable.
- Change to the National Bylaws, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 2, as subsection d with the following addition: "any member that is Suspended for disobedience to Rules and Regulation will automatically be dishonorably discharged for any additional offense after their suspension ends."

**NOW ANNOUNCING
A CIVIL WAR SANITARY FAIR
FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

**HELD AT THE OHIO REGIMENTAL BALL
CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH**

HOSTED BY THE MARGARET M. ORR CIRCLE #105



Sanitary fairs were civilian-organized bazaars and expositions dedicated to raising funds on behalf of the United States Sanitary Commission

(USSC) and other charitable relief organizations. Over the course of the Civil War, they became one of the most popular means of fundraising for the Union cause.

- *Ladies of the G.A.R. will fill an entire room at this Ball with patriotic booths of goods for sale. All proceeds from this event will go towards Civil War Battlefield preservation or Monument restoration. TBD.*
- *All items for the booths will be carefully created as authentically as possible, and all booths will detail historic information. Plan to visit & support this cause!*

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 19TH

HOSTED BY CIRCLE #105 UNDER NAT'L LGAR & THE
2ND CAVALRY BRIGADE BAND

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE

AT THE 6TH OHIO CAVALRY MONUMENT

ON TANEYTOWN ROAD

**Our Organization spent 23,084 total
hours on Community, Children &
Veterans Services this past year!!!**

**Should anyone like a printed, published version
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book format, please submit your name, ad-
dress, and payment of \$15 to the National Sec-
retary, payable to "LGAR National Organiza-
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LGAR Sticker	.50
NEW CHARMS	5.00
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